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USE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there has been a fierce debate in the western world to control the use of genetically modified foods which have been developed and promoted commercially by multi-national companies like the Monsanto; and

(b) if so, whether the Government has evolved any policy in the matter and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI. NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) There has been a debate among the European Union countries on the acceptance of GM foods. However there is no restriction on the GM food products developed by multi-national companies like Monsanto.

(b) Introduction of any new technology requires a careful evaluation of the long-term sustainable benefits. Therefore the Government is following a policy of case-by-case approval of GM products.